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Question:

(Please note Hansard not available at time of lodgement): DFAT to provide a table showing whether FTA feasibility studies were undertaken for each of Australia’s FTAs and why or why not, and whether they were published and why or why not.

Answer

Free Trade Agreement (in order of entry into force)	Study Undertaken	Study Published
The Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement	Yes	Yes
Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement	Yes	Yes
Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement	Yes	Yes
Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement	Yes	Yes
Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement	DFAT did not undertake or commission a feasibility study. However, the Department sought submissions from stakeholders, and during the negotiations consulted with Australian industry, state and territory governments and other interested stakeholders.	N/A
ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area	Yes	Yes
Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement	Yes	Yes
Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement	Yes	Yes
Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement	Yes	Yes
China-Australia Free Trade Agreement	Yes	Yes

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Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership	DFAT did not undertake or commission a feasibility study. However, the Department sought submissions from stakeholders, and during the negotiations consulted a wide range of interested stakeholders, including peak industry bodies, companies, academics, unions, and consumer and civil society groups (with over 1000 briefings).	N/A
Australia-Hong Kong Free Trade Agreement	DFAT did not undertake or commission a feasibility study. However, the Department sought submissions from stakeholders, and during the negotiations consulted with Australian industry, peak bodies and interested stakeholders across a range of States and Territories, business stakeholders in Hong Kong, and state and territory governments.	N/A
Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement	DFAT did not undertake or commission a feasibility study. However, the Department sought submissions from stakeholders, and during the negotiations, including in the context of the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, consulted with Australian industry, state and territory governments and other interested stakeholders.	N/A
Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement	Yes	Yes